

Frances E. Jensen, a professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School. "It becomes more and more evident that it won't be just the doctors, researchers, and scientists pushing the field forward. There's an active role for parents and patients. They tell us when the drugs aren't working."

The future holds promise for unlocking the mysteries of what some experts now call Epilepsy Spectrum Disorder. "Basic neuroscience, electrophysiological studies, gene studies, and new brain-imaging technologies are generating a huge body of knowledge," Dr. Jensen says.

Lauren Axelrod, now 27, is cute and petite, with short black hair and her mother's pale eyes. She speaks slowly, with evident impairment but a strong Chicago accent. "Things would be better for me if I wouldn't have seizures," she says. "They make me have problems with reading and math. They make me hard with everything."

By 2000, the savagery and relentlessness of Lauren's seizures seemed unstoppable. "I thought we were about to lose her," Susan says. "Her doctor said, 'I don't know what else we can do.'" Then, through CURE, Susan learned of a new anti-convulsant drug called Keppra and obtained a sample. "The first day we started Lauren on the medication," Susan says, "her seizures subsided. It's been almost nine years, and she hasn't had a seizure since. This drug won't work for everyone, but it has been a magic bullet for Lauren. She is blooming."

Susan and David see their daughter regaining some lost ground: social intuition, emotional responses, humor. "It's like little areas of her brain are waking up," Susan says. "She never has a harsh word for anyone, though she did think the Presidential campaign went on a little too long. The Thanksgiving before last, she asked David, 'When is this running-for-President thing going to be finished?'"

CURE is run by parents. Susan has worked for more than a decade without pay, pushing back at the monster robbing Lauren of a normal life. "Nothing can match the anguish of the mom of a chronically ill child," David says, "but Susan turned that anguish into action. She's devoted her life to saving other kids and families from the pain Lauren and our family have known. What she's done is amazing."

"Complete freedom from seizures—without side effects—is what we want," Susan says. "It's too late for us, so we committed ourselves to the hope that we can protect future generations from having their lives defined and devastated by this disorder."●

HONORING GROVER GUNDRILLING INC.

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, this week marks the Consortium of Entrepreneurship Education's 3rd Annual National Entrepreneurship Week, a time to celebrate the history of American entrepreneurship and to highlight new and upcoming entrepreneurs and small business owners. As ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, I am all the more aware of the countless contributions entrepreneurs have made to the success of this Nation. In that vein, I rise today to recognize Grover Gundrilling Inc., a small business in my home State of Maine that brings a very unique and critical skill to the Northeast.

A second generation family-owned small business, Grover Gundrilling, or

GGI, specializes in precision deephole drilling. With nearly 60 skilled employees, GGI has developed the capability to drill smooth, finished holes ranging from .045 of an inch to 2 inches in diameter, from 1 ounce to 6,000 pounds, at a depth of 1 inch to 10 feet in every material from Teflon to mold steels to exotic high-temperature alloys. Founded in 1983 by Rupert and Suzanne Grover, Grover Gundrilling now has three facilities in Oxford County, including a 40,000-square-foot manufacturing facility in the town of Norway. And as former teachers, the Grovers like to hire employees with no background as machinists, but with strong math and science skills, to train them in their own particular fashion.

Given its remarkable growth, considerable capacity, and small company size, GGI prides itself on being "small enough to listen and large enough to handle production." Grover Gundrilling has become a critical supplier for industries as diverse as aerospace engineering and nuclear power, and its components are used in products as varied as medical devices and semiconductors.

To care for its staff, Grover Gundrilling generously provides its employees with full family medical coverage, flexible scheduling, and the company encourages its workers to pursue higher learning by offering educational reimbursement. And the company offers a multitude of incentives to stellar employees, including family snowmobiling trips and tickets to a variety of area events.

GGI is also dedicated to supporting its community in a variety of ways. The Grovers donate significant time and energy to the Oxford County Fair, a fun-filled annual tradition for the families of Oxford County and western Maine. They also created the Boxberry School, a nonprofit independent elementary school for K through sixth graders that combines multiage classes, individual attention, and an integrated art curriculum with the Maine Learning Results standards. The Grovers also volunteer in various capacities with the 4-H Club, Androscoggin Home Health, the Oxford Food Pantry, and Aspire Higher, and Suzanne Grover serves on the board of directors of the Growth Council.

Carving out a niche in the machine tool world, Grover Gundrilling has excelled as a leader in precision deephole drilling. It is entrepreneurs like Suzanne and Rupert Grover who are going to revitalize our economy, and I am proud to call them constituents. I wish Rupert and Suzanne Grover, as well as Garth, their son, and GGI's president, their daughter Jessica, and everyone at Grover Gundrilling Inc. a successful year.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

A message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Zapata, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 80. An act to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to treat nonhuman primates as prohibited wildlife species under that Act, to make corrections in the provisions relating to captive wildlife offenses under that Act, and for other purposes.

H.R. 637. An act to authorize the Secretary, in cooperation with the City of San Juan Capistrano, California, to participate in the design, planning, and construction of an advanced water treatment plant facility and recycled water system, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the bill (S. 234) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2105 East Cook Street in Springfield, Illinois, as the "Colonel John H. Wilson, Jr. Post Office Building", without amendment.

At 4:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1105. An act making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 637. An act to authorize the Secretary, in cooperation with the City of San Juan Capistrano, California, to participate in the design, planning, and construction of an advanced water treatment plant facility and recycled water system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 1105. An act making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

S. 478. A bill to amend the National Labor Relations Act to ensure the right of employees to a secret-ballot election conducted by the National Labor Relations Board.

S. 482. A bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER
COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-802. A communication from the Director of Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Development Utilities Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amending the Water and Waste Program Regulations" (RIN0572-AC11) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-803. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California and Imported Table Grapes; Change in Regulatory Periods" ((Docket No. AMS-FV-06-0184) (FV03-925-1 IFR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-804. A communication from the Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to certificated expenditures; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-805. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Critical Skills Retention Bonus program for military personnel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-806. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to assistance provided by the Department to civilian sporting events during calendar year 2008; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-807. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe that was declared in Executive Order 13288 of March 6, 2003; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-808. A communication from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-809. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Unfair or Deceptive Acts or Practices" (RIN3133-AD47) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-810. A communication from the Chairman of the Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Solid Waste Rail Transfer Facilities" (STB Ex Parte No. 684) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-811. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled

"Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Closure" (RIN0648-XM85) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-812. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XM81) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-813. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 610 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XM87) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-814. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pollock in Statistical Area 630 in the Gulf of Alaska" (RIN0648-XM88) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-815. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod by Vessels Participating in the Amendment 80 Limited Access Fishery in Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area" (RIN0648-XM83) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-816. A communication from the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries in the Western Pacific; American Samoa Pelagic Longline Limited Entry Program" (RIN0648-XM69) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-817. A communication from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations; Santa Ana, California" (MB Docket No. 08-250) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-818. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Cessna Aircraft Company Models 401, 401A, 401B, 402, 402A, and 402B Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0118)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-819. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Model A330-200 and -300 Series Airplanes, and Airbus Model A340-200, -300, -500, and -600 Series Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0122)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-820. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Class E Airspace; Altus AFB, OK" ((Docket No. FAA-2009-0001)(Airspace Docket No. 09-ASW-2)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-821. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Learjet Model 55, 55B, and 55C Airplanes" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2009-0054)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-822. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Turbomeca Turmo IV A and IV C Series Turbohaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2006-25730)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-823. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Corporation AE 3007A1E and AE 1107C Turbofan/Turbohaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-0230)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-824. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Pratt & Whitney PW4090 and PW4090-3 Turbofan Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2007-29110)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-825. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Airworthiness Directives; Wytwornia Sprzetu Komunikacyjnego "PZL-Rzeszow" S.A. PZL-10W Turbohaft Engines" ((RIN2120-AA64)(Docket No. FAA-2008-1068)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-826. A communication from the Program Analyst, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update of August 2001 Overflight Fees" (14 CFR Part 187) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 9, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.